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Hi Chris and Ben,

In my last conversation with Administrator Brooks on Dec. 17, he confirmed that the EPA would need to do more testing at the West Lake and Bridgeton Landfills to determine the extent of the radioactive contamination. This was needed, he said, to plan for building a firebreak and also to reach a final decision on a remedy for the Superfund site.

<http://news.stlpublicradio.org/post/radium-groundwater-west-lake-landfill-exceeds-federal-standard>

In light of recent legal filings (see pp.13-17, in particular), when is this testing going to occur?

The last I heard about any testing for radioactivity was in December 2013, when the EPA detected radioactive material along the area being considered for the firebreak trench:

http://www.epa.gov/region7/cleanup/west_lake_landfill/pdf/westlake-elected-official-briefing.pdf

What has been done since then, if anything, to determine the extent of radioactive contamination at the landfills?

What is the projected timeline for the EPA to complete this testing, and to make public a map showing the extent of radioactive contamination?

Thank you,

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